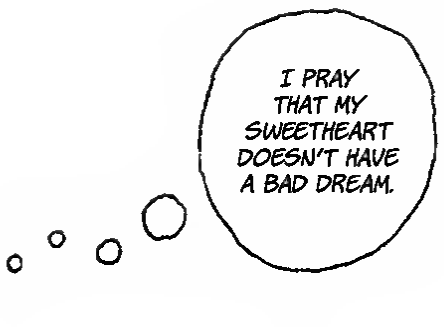
I PRAY THAT MY SWEETHEART DOESN'T HAVE A BAD DREAM.

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PEPPERMINT NANNY, I GOT YOU SOME FLOWERS. USE THEM TO DECORATE YOUR ROOM.

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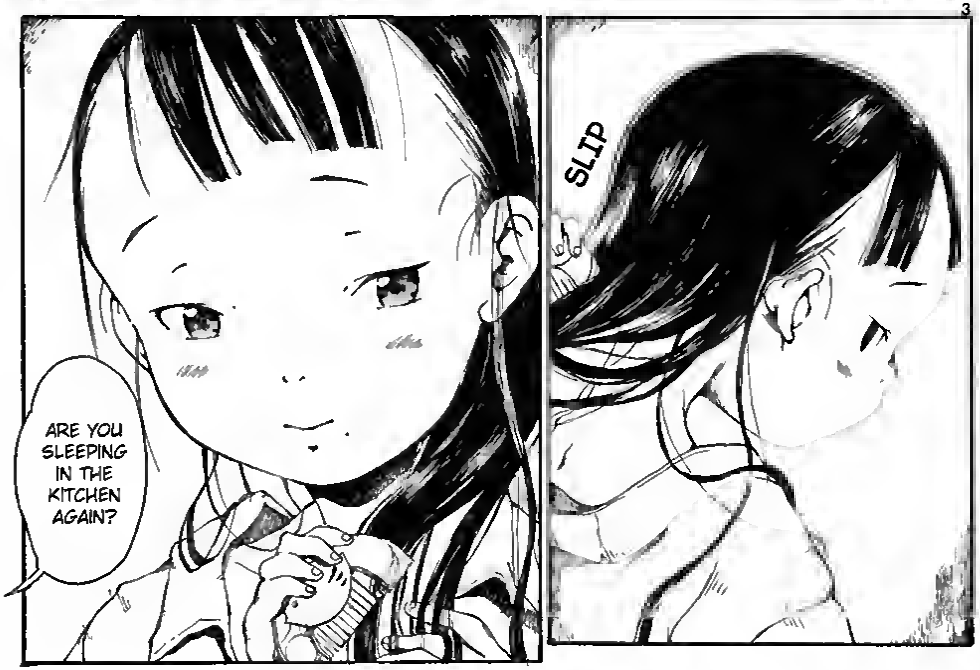
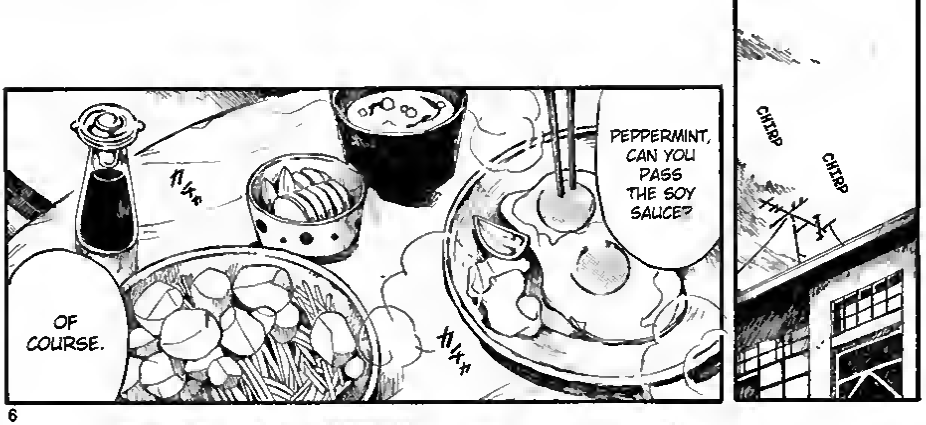

ARE YOU SLEEPING IN THE KITCHEN AGAIN?
SLIP

THAT IS YOUR ROOM, AND YOUR NANNY CANNOT INTRUDE ON YOUR SPACE.
YOU'LL HAVE BAD DREAMS
YES DEAR.
BUT YOU CAN SLEEP HERE WITH ME
YOU KNOW I CAN'T DO THAT!
BUT I WAS IN MY CURRENT CHILD-LIKE APPEARANCE.
ISN'T THAT THE DARNDEST THING?
IN FACT, LAST NIGHT
I DREAMED THAT I WAS IN MY ROOM AT YOUR OLD HOUSE
OH, THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED.

ALL RIGHT. GOODNIGHT, HONEY.
SURE...
NO, YOU SHOULD REALLY SLEEP HERE.
MY WORD
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SLEEP WITH YOUR NANNY THAT MUCH?
NO MATTER HOW OLD YOU ARE, YOU ALWAYS ACT LIKE A BABY.
...GOOD NIGHT.
YES, HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.


PEPPERMINT, CAN YOU PASS THE SOY SAUCE?
OF COURSE.
CHIRP
CHIRP

HERE.

THANKS
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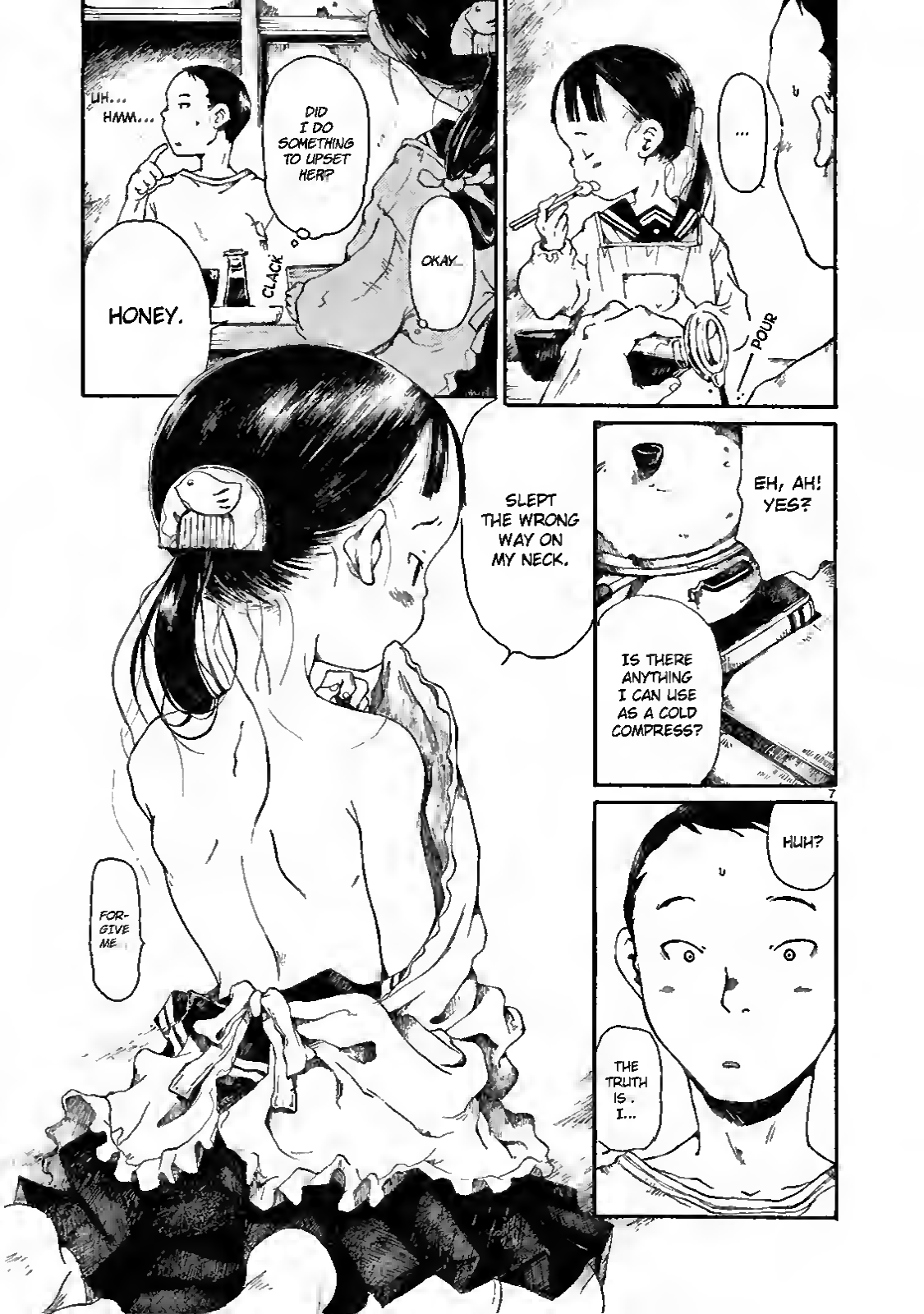
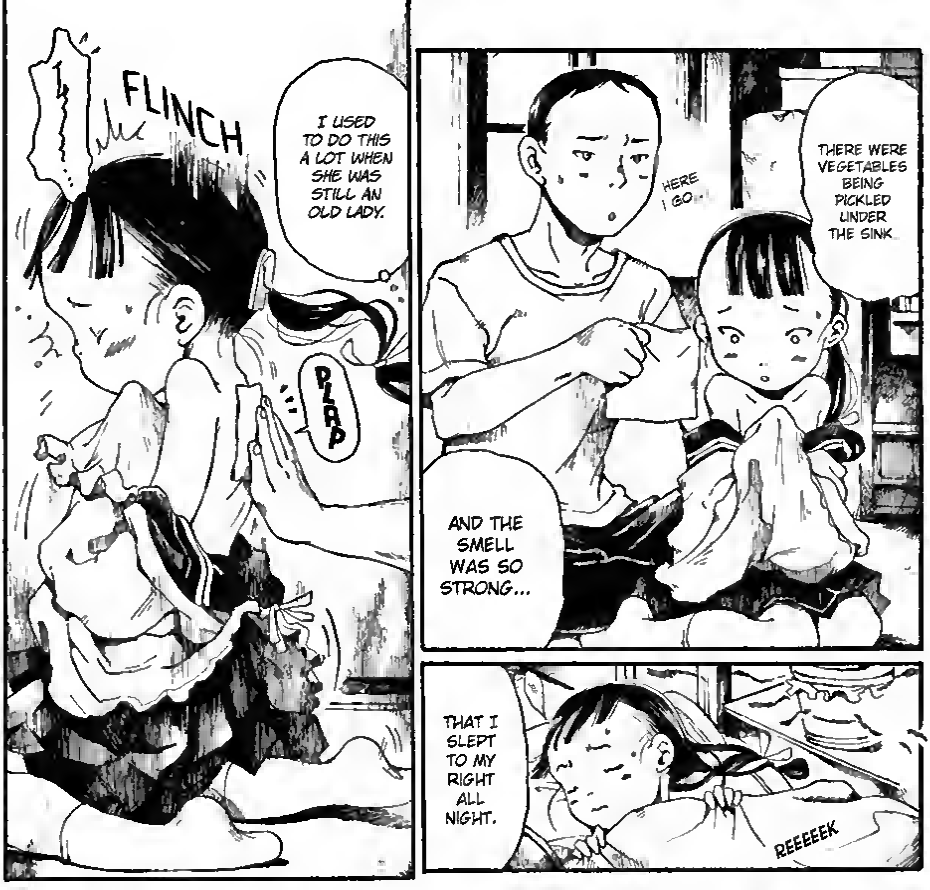

UH... HMM...
DID I DO SOMETHING TO UPSET HER?
CLACK
HONEY.
OKAY...
...
POUR
SLEPT THE WRONG WAY ON MY NECK.
EH, AH! YES?
IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN USE AS A COLD COMPRESS?
HUH?
THE TRUTH IS. I...
FOR-GIVE ME


FLINCH
I USED TO DO THIS A LOT WHEN SHE WAS STILL AN OLD LADY.
PLOP
HERE I GO...
THERE WERE VEGETABLES BEING PICKLED UNDER THE SINK.
AND THE SMELL WAS SO STRONG...
THAT I SLEPT TO MY RIGHT ALL NIGHT.
REEEEEK
HMM...
LIVING ALONE
My Room
HELLO
I'M
...
STILL...
HOH
HOH
HOH
HOOOH
SHUFFLE
BUT TO THINK I'D DO IT AS SHE IS NOW

SO HOW DO I SOLVE THE LACK OF SPACE?
THERE'S MY STUDY.. BUT SHE'D NEVER USE THAT
YOU SURE CAN
CAN I PUSH AGAIN?
PICTURE BOOK CORNER
UFU UFU UFUFU I'M NOBI
HELLO, I'M DORAEMON
I CAN'T GIVE HER ONE THAT'S AS BIG AS HER OLD ROOM, BUT..
SHE NEEDS TO HAVE HER OWN ROOM
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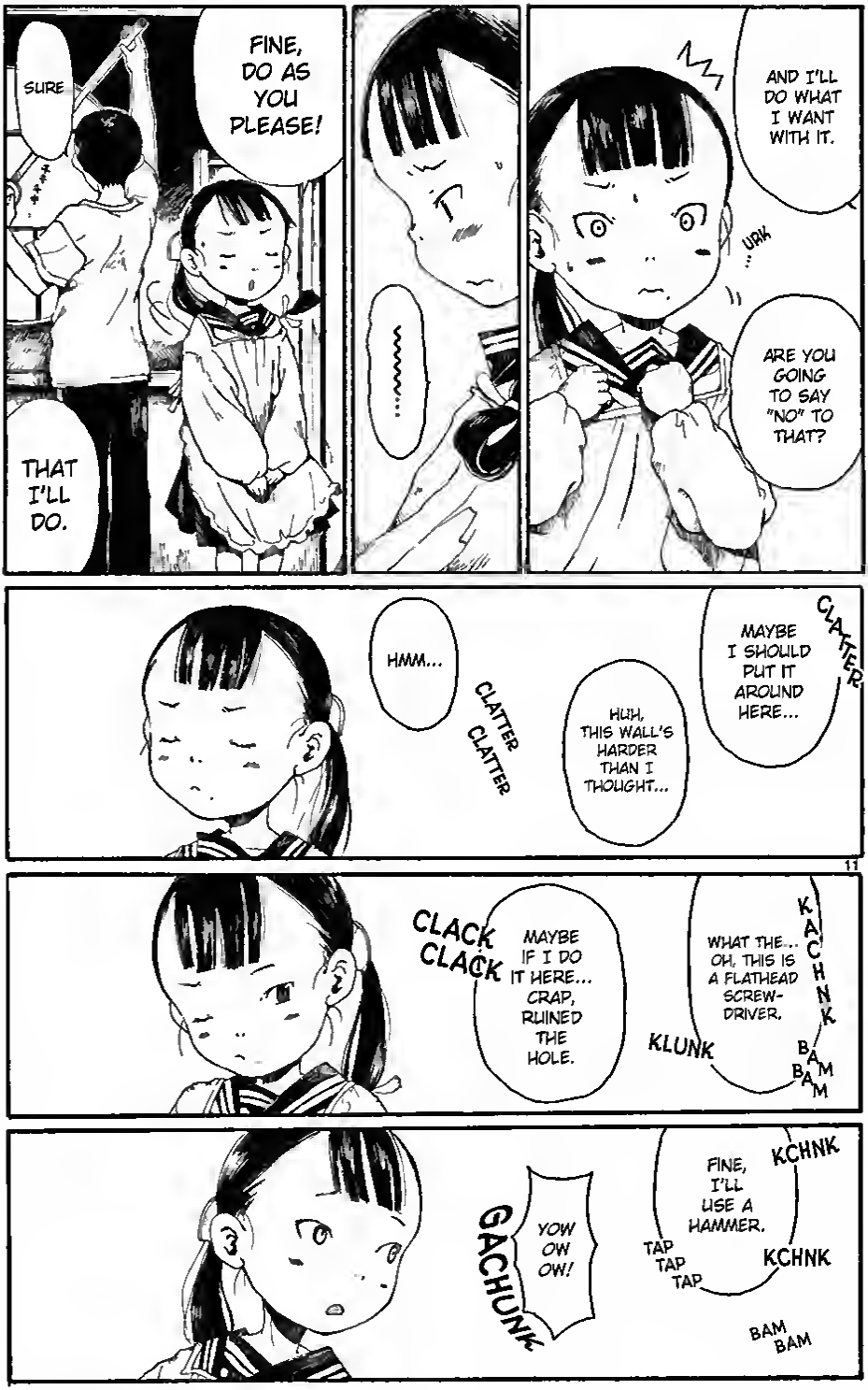
...
NOBITA...UUN
UFUFU!
UFU!
UFU!
HELLO!
I'M DORAEMON
GOD, I CAN'T HEAR MYSELF THINK.
STUPID SOUND BOOK...

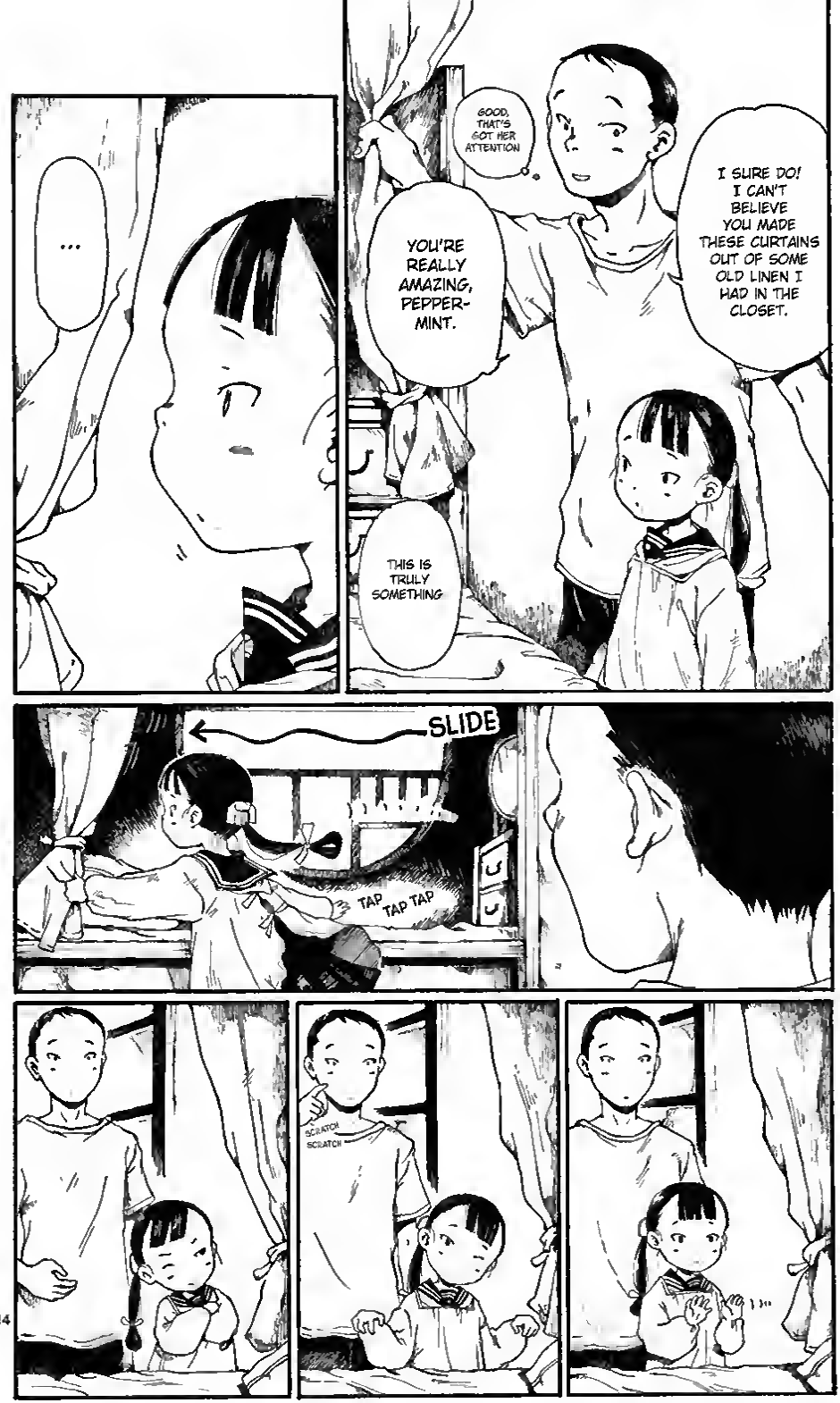
...
CRACK
CRACK
IT'S FINALLY GOTTEN BETTER
WHAT ARE YOU SETTING UPON DOING?

I WANT TO MAKE A ROOM FROM SCRATCH.
ROOM? WHAT ROOM?
CLATTER
HMMM?
YOUR ROOM, OF COURSE.
HUH?
I WAS THINKING OF PUTTING A BED IN THIS SPACE, AND MAYBE A BOOKSHELF AND A CURTAIN.
NO...
NO, YOU CAN'T! STOP THIS, RIGHT NOW!
I CAN'T POSSIBLY LET YOU TAMPER WITH YOUR ROOM JUST FOR MY SAKE!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
THIS IS MY ROOM.

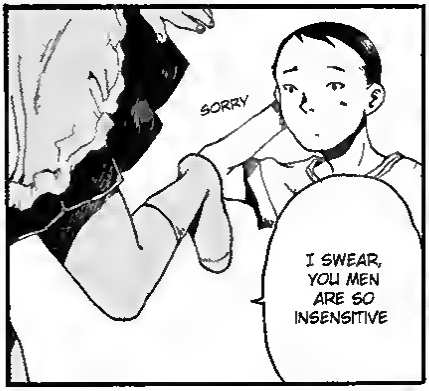

SURE
FINE, DO AS YOU PLEASE!
THAT I'LL DO.
WWWW...
AND I'LL DO WHAT I WANT WITH IT.
URK...
ARE YOU GOING TO SAY "NO" TO THAT?
HMM...
CLATTER CLATTER
HUH, THIS WALL'S HARDER THAN I THOUGHT...
MAYBE I SHOULD PUT IT AROUND HERE...
CLATTER
11
CLACK CLACK
MAYBE IF I DO IT HERE... CRAP, RUINED THE HOLE.
WHAT THE... OH, THIS IS A FLATHEAD SCREW-DRIVER.
KACHNK
KLUNK
BAM BAM
YOW OW OW!
GACHUNK
FINE, I'LL USE A HAMMER.
KCHNK
TAP TAP TAP
KCHNK
BAM BAM

HONESTLY.
YOU NEED TO OPEN UP A SMALL HOLE BEFOREHAND WITH A DRILL, YOU KNOW.
RIGHT...
YES...
DID YOU WANT TO PUT IT THIS HIGH?
PLEASE HOLD THAT FOR ME.
PLEASE TAKE OUT THE TRASH.
WHIRR
IF YOU'RE SAWING AGAINST THE WOOD GRAIN, YOU NEED A FINE-TOOTH SAW.
CAW
CAW
OHH

WOW
CLAP CLAP
...
IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
AND YOU'D NEVER KNOW THE LIGHT COVER USED TO BE A BAKING MOLD.
STILL, YOU'RE AMAZING EVEN THE SHELF IS FIRMLY IN PLACE
I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE ABLE TO DO THIS.
SO STURDY
BLUSH
I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF..
I PICKED UP SOME CARPENTRY SKILLS WHEN TENDING GARDENS.

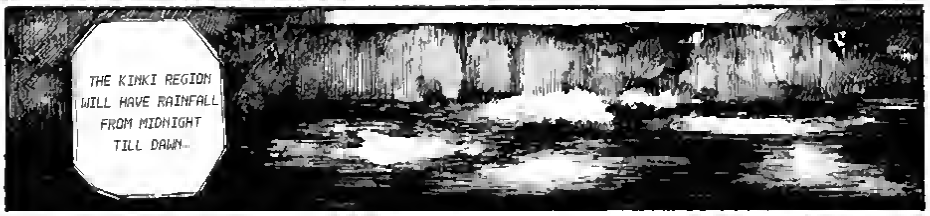

...
GOOD, THAT'S GOT HER ATTENTION
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING, PEPPER-MINT.
I SURE DO! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MADE THESE CURTAINS OUT OF SOME OLD LINEN I HAD IN THE CLOSET.
THIS IS TRULY SOMETHING
SLIDE
TAP TAP TAP
SCRATCH SCRATCH

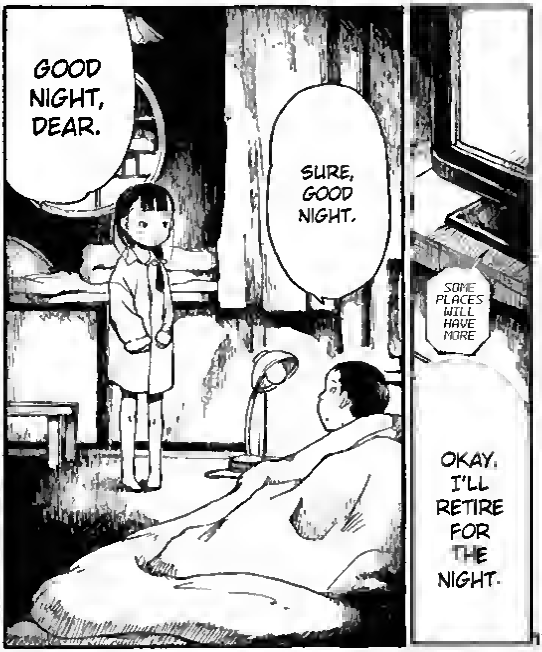
NO, THE CURTAIN SHOULD STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE, DON'T YOU THINK?
WON'T EITHER SIDE WORK?


SORRY
I SWEAR, YOU MEN ARE SO INSENSITIVE

I'M ASKING YOU BECAUSE I'M NOT SURE MYSELF.

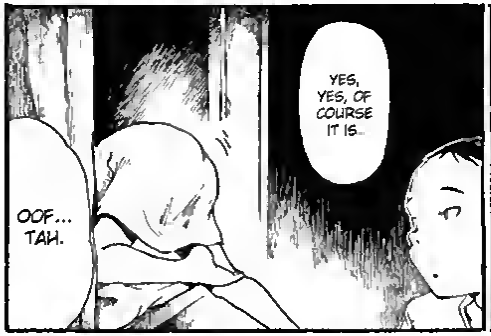
AH, IT WOULD BE HANDY IF I PUT THE MIRROR HERE.

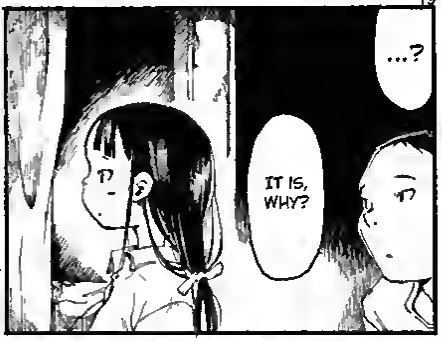

THE KINKI REGION WILL HAVE RAINFALL FROM MIDNIGHT TILL DAWN.

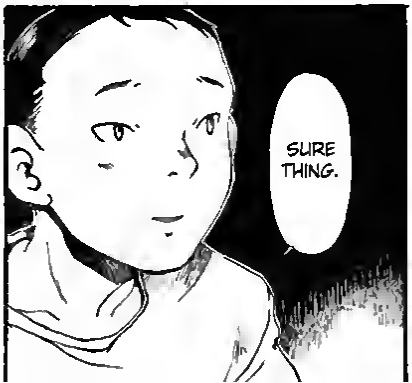

GOOD NIGHT, DEAR.
SURE, GOOD NIGHT.
SOME PLACES WILL HAVE MORE
OKAY. I'LL RETIRE FOR THE NIGHT.

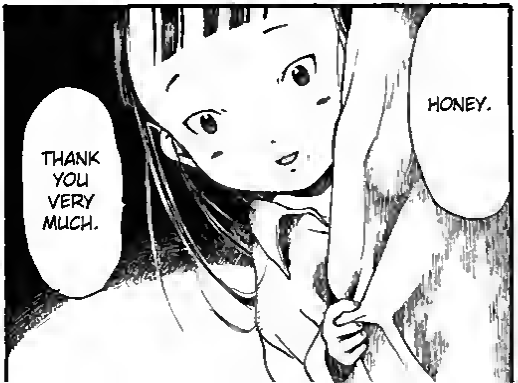
...
WHAT'S WRONG?
HONEY ...
IS THIS

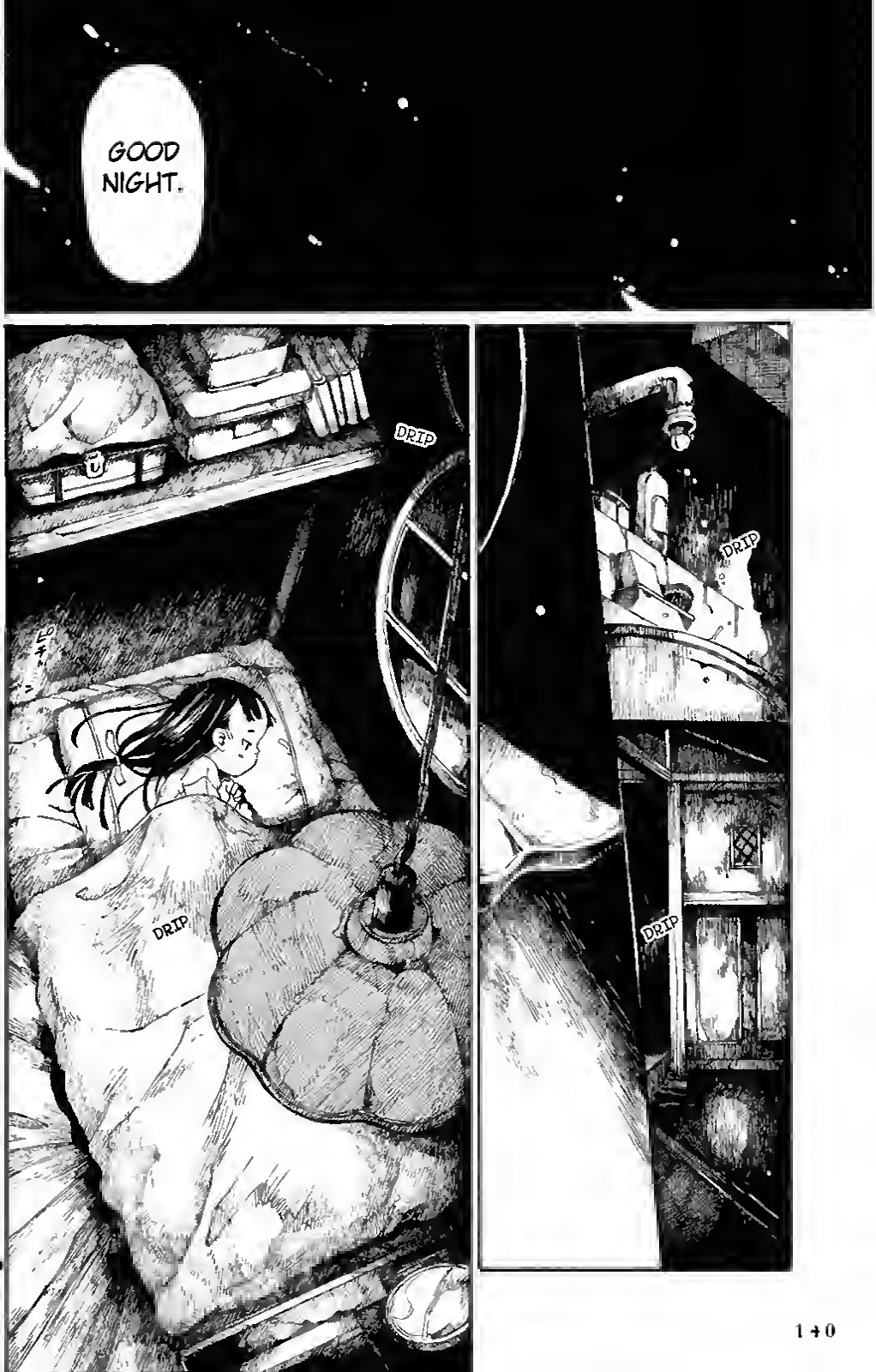
REALLY MY ROOM?

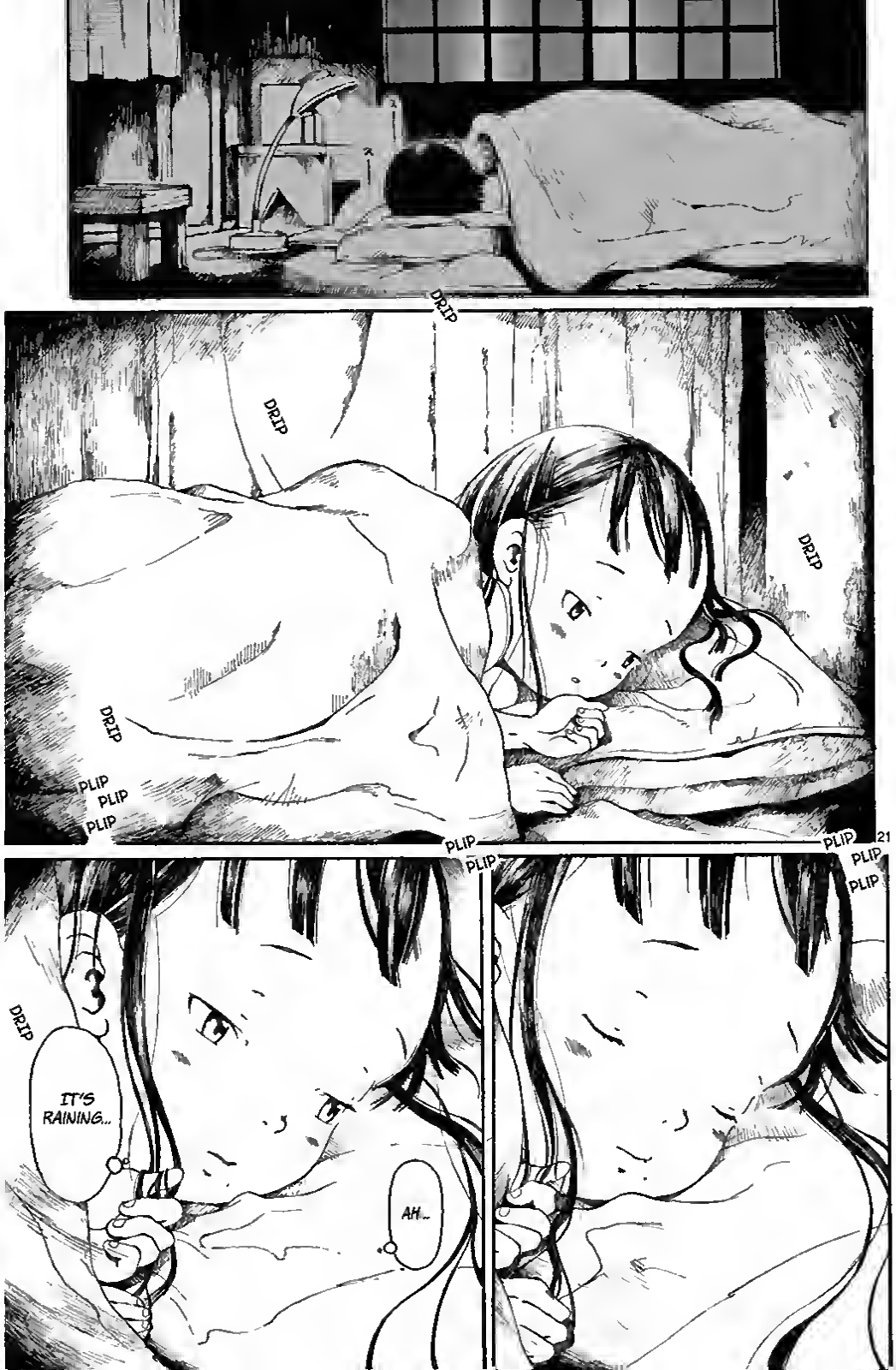

YES, YES, OF COURSE IT IS.
OOF... TAH.


...?
IT IS, WHY?

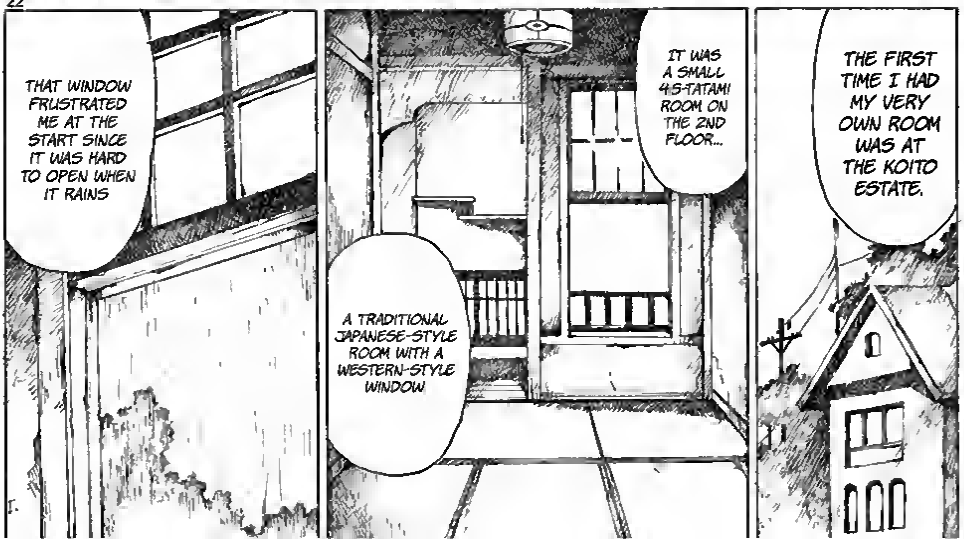

SURE THING.

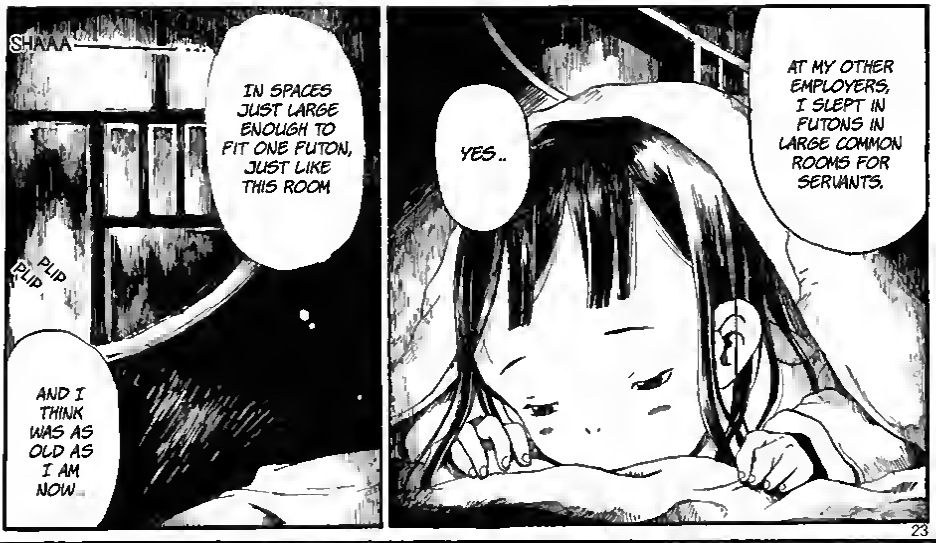

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
HONEY.


GOOD NIGHT.
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

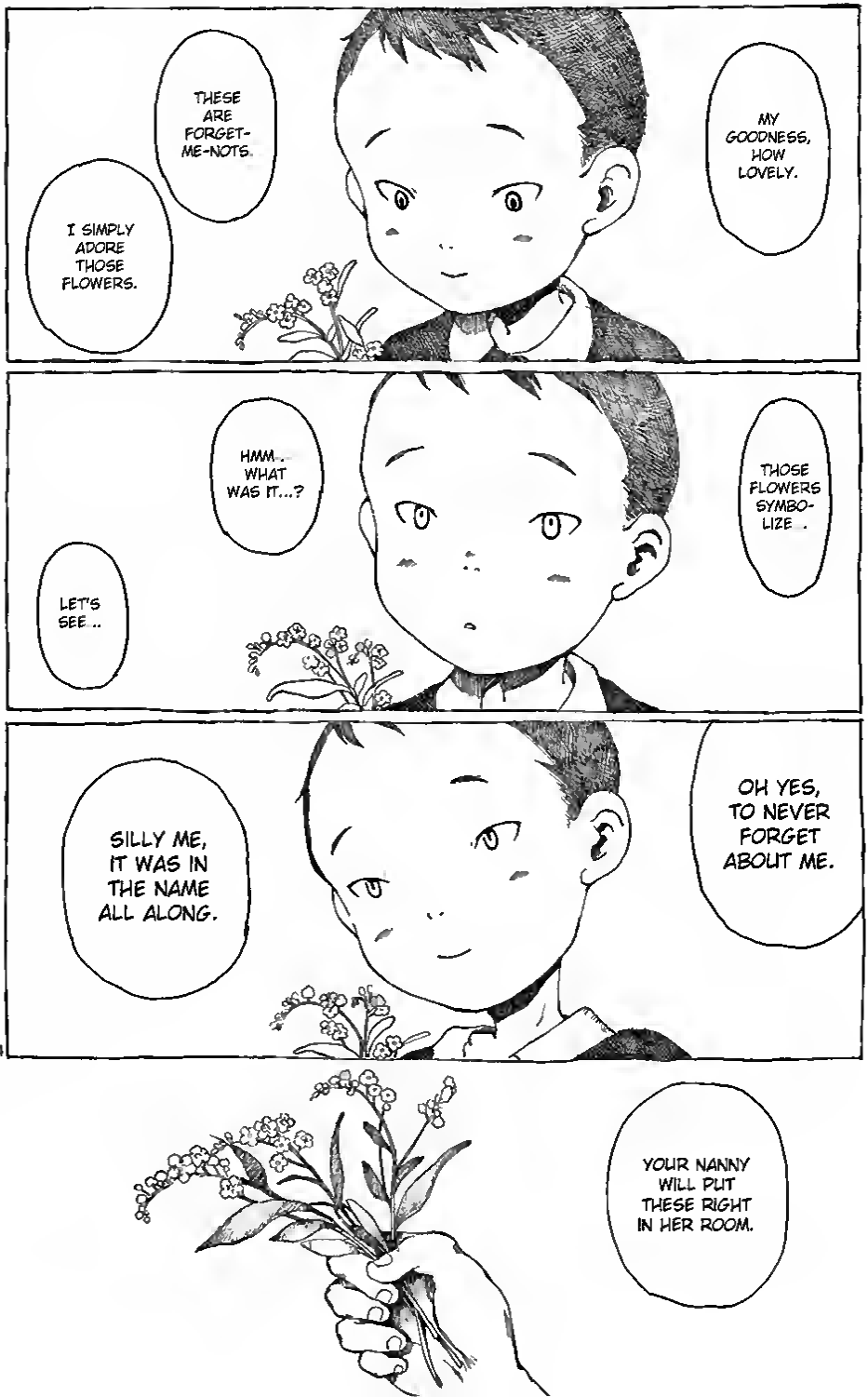

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
DRIP
IT'S RAINING...
AH...

I HOPE IT CLEARS UP BY TOMORROW
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
SINCE I HAVE TO DO LAUNDRY.
PSHAAAA
...
THE FIRST TIME


THE FIRST TIME I HAD MY VERY OWN ROOM WAS AT THE KOITO ESTATE.
IT WAS A SMALL 4.5-TATAMI ROOM ON THE 2ND FLOOR...
A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE-STYLE ROOM WITH A WESTERN-STYLE WINDOW
THAT WINDOW FRUSTRATED ME AT THE START SINCE IT WAS HARD TO OPEN WHEN IT RAINS


SHAAA
IN SPACES JUST LARGE ENOUGH TO FIT ONE FUTON, JUST LIKE THIS ROOM.
PLIP PLIP
AND I THINK WAS AS OLD AS I AM NOW...
YES..
AT MY OTHER EMPLOYERS, I SLEPT IN FUTONS IN LARGE COMMON ROOMS FOR SERVANTS.

PERHAPS I WAS SOMEWHAT OLDER..
AS I AM NOW?
HUH?
BUT THAT'S BESIDE THE POINT.
HOW OLD AM I SUPPOSED TO BE NOW?
PRAY TELL INDEED...


I SIMPLY ADORE THOSE FLOWERS.
THESE ARE FORGET-ME-NOTS.
MY GOODNESS, HOW LOVELY.
LET'S SEE ..
HMM.. WHAT WAS IT...?
THOSE FLOWERS SYMBO-LIZE ..
SILLY ME, IT WAS IN THE NAME ALL ALONG.
OH YES, TO NEVER FORGET ABOUT ME.
YOUR NANNY WILL PUT THESE RIGHT IN HER ROOM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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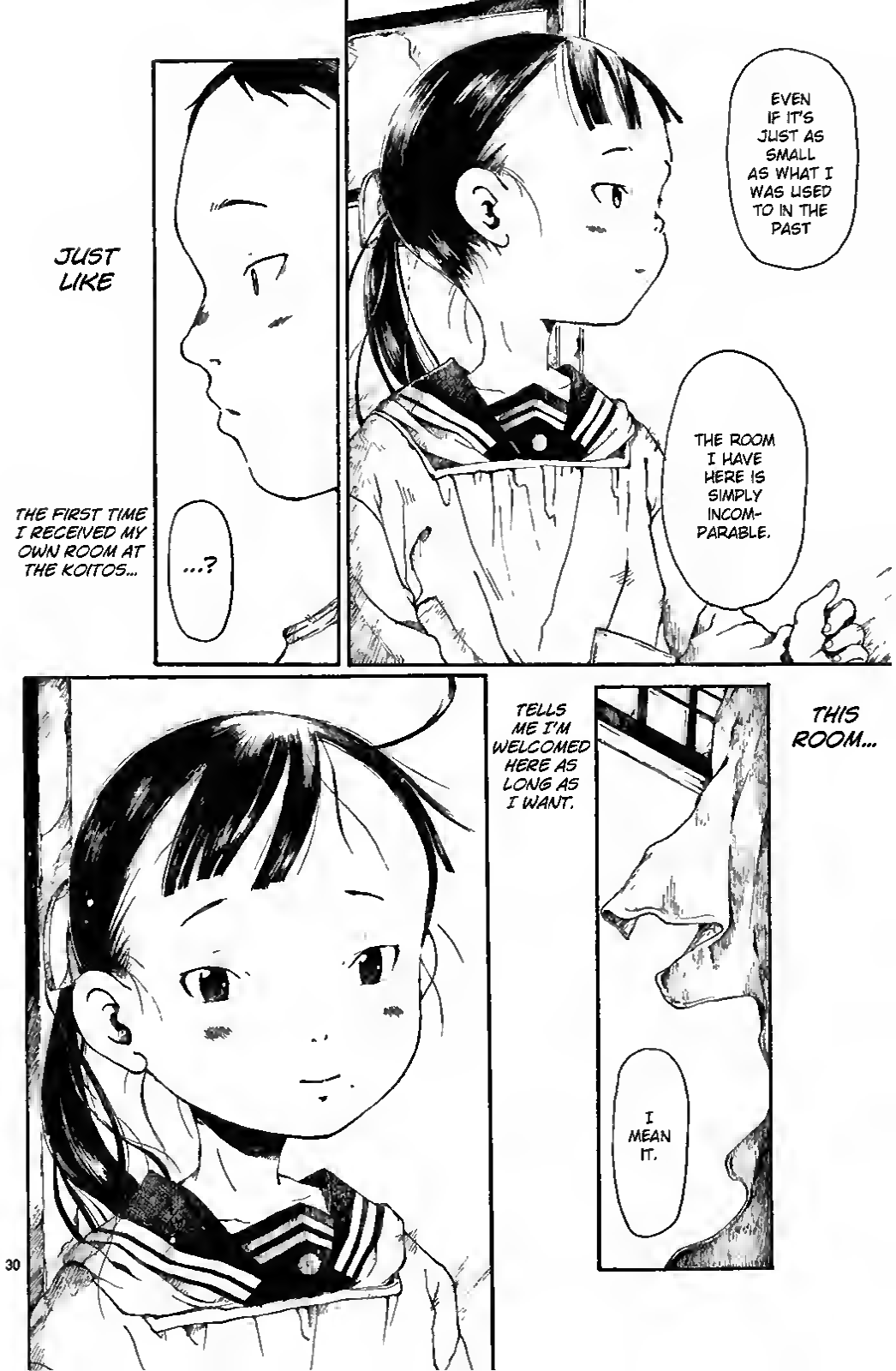
WOOSH
CLACK
CLACK

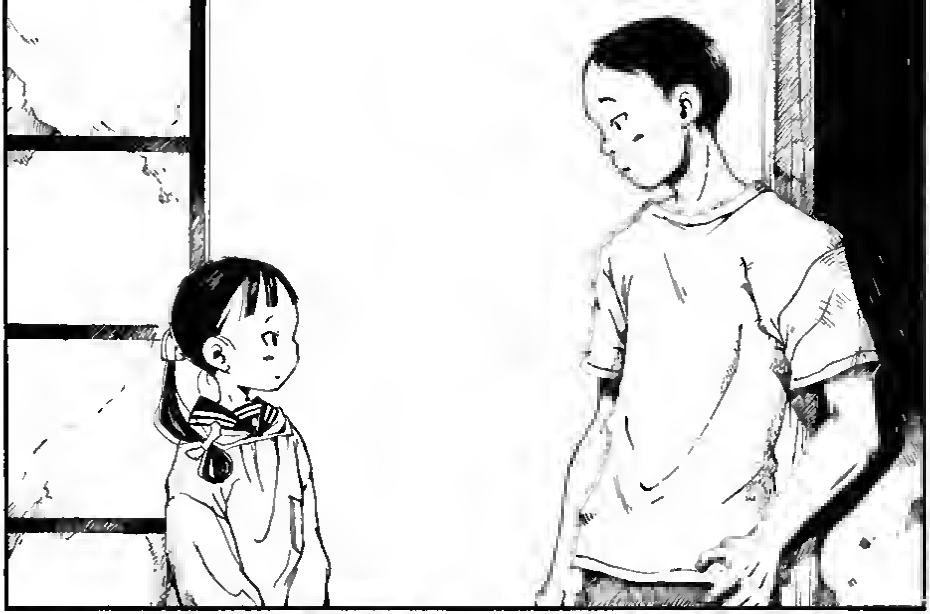
FWOOOOSH
AH!

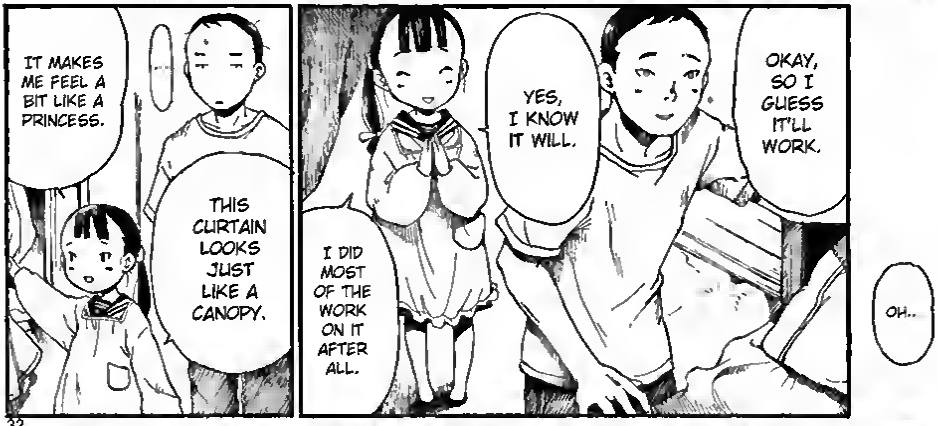
NOW THEN.
I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO PREPARE SOME BREAKFAST.
GRACIOUS ME..
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TOO GREEDY.
CLACK

DID YOU GET SOME SLEEP LAST NIGHT
CLACK
YES, I SLEPT WELL.
GOOD. CONSIDERING WHERE YOUR ROOM IS
I WAS WORRIED YOU HAD A HARD TIME SLEEPING COMFORTABLY IN THAT SPACE.
AND YOU GAVE ME MY VERY OWN ROOM, DEAR.
EVEN IF...
CLACK
...
HAVING A ROOM YOU CAN DECORATE WITH FLOWERS IS A LOVELY THING INDEED

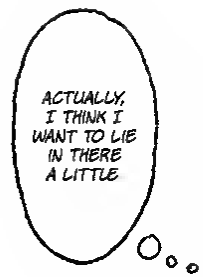

JUST LIKE
THE FIRST TIME I RECEIVED MY OWN ROOM AT THE KOITOS...
...?
EVEN IF IT'S JUST AS SMALL AS WHAT I WAS USED TO IN THE PAST
THE ROOM I HAVE HERE IS SIMPLY INCOM-PARABLE.
TELLS ME I'M WELCOMED HERE AS LONG AS I WANT.
THIS ROOM...
I MEAN IT.

I REALLY MEAN IT.




IT MAKES ME FEEL A BIT LIKE A PRINCESS.
THIS CURTAIN LOOKS JUST LIKE A CANOPY.
I DID MOST OF THE WORK ON IT AFTER ALL.
YES, I KNOW IT WILL.
OKAY, SO I GUESS IT'LL WORK.
OH..

I WON'T TELL HER I GOT THE IDEA FROM DORAEMON'S CLOSET BED.
GOOD FOR YOU.
I.. SEE.



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